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NEW DIRECTOR FOR OLRH



Chris Tilden was recently named the Director of the Office of Local and Rural Health at KDHE. He had served in the role of Interim Director of the office over the last two years. He replaces Dick Morrissey, who serves as Deputy Director of Health at

KDHE. During Chris' tenure as Interim Director he continued to serve in his role of coordinator for the rural health program at KDHE where he managed the Rural Hospital Flexibility grant program, the Small Hospital Improvement Program grant, and the Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program grant. A new search will be undertaken to hire a coordinator for these federally-funded grant programs. Chris looks forward to having the opportunity to continue to serve the broad variety of constituents that are touched by KDHE. "The staff in the Office Local and Rural Health are an amazing group of people with whom I feel very privileged to work. Along with our valued partners I think we can accomplish great things."

Chris has been working in the Office of Local and Rural Health since 2001. Prior to joining KDHE he was a rural health consultant. His primary area of interest and expertise was community-based medical staff development planning and implementation. He provided education, training and consultation to rural organizations across the country looking to improve their efforts to recruit and retain a quality health care workforce.

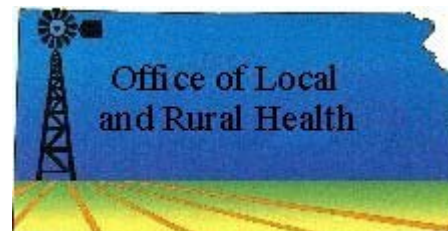
Chris, having lived in the largest of urban environments as well as rural America, has a passion for Kansas' open spaces. "I've had the pleasure to live in interesting places like Washington, DC and the Research Triangle area in North Carolina, but I always keep coming back to my roots. I was born in Kansas City but have lived in rural towns, medium sized -- like Salina -- and smaller, like Lindsborg. Rural Kansas is really

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where my heart is. When I moved back to Kansas 10 years ago with my family I took a job in Kansas City. It's a great city, but we wanted to live some place smaller. We chose Lawrence because of all it had to offer to young families. It's not rural, but we're glad to be there and to be close to our family and friends all across the state."

Chris still lives in Lawrence with his wife Kathy and their two children.



NEW DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD SERVICES



John Mitchell has accepted the position of Director of Bureau of Environmental Field Services (BEFS). John has worked for KDHE for more than 25 years starting in 1980 as district sanitarian for both the Northeast and Southeast Districts. Much of his career has been spent in programs of the Bureau of Waste Management where most recently he was Chief of the Waste Compliance, Enforcement, and Policy Section. He was responsible for overall compliance and enforcement activities related to both hazardous and solid waste management. Prior to that position, John served as Chief of the Hazardous Waste Section and was responsible for all hazardous waste management program activities including facility permitting. In his new role, John is responsible for statewide operations of environmental programs in KDHE's six district offices, as well as directing the work of the bureau's Technical Services and Use Assessment Sections in the Topeka office.

KDHE STAFF MEMBER WINS AWARD

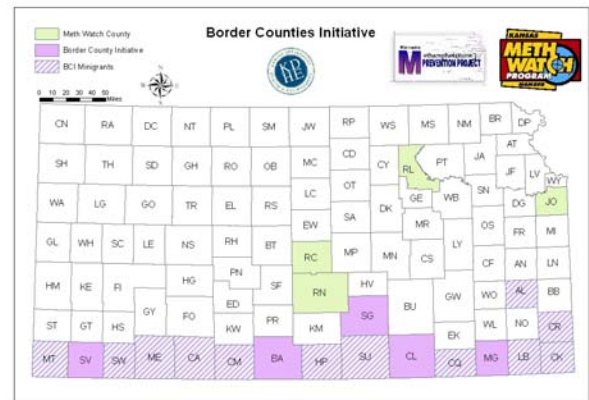
Prevention and Recovery Services (PARS) of Topeka recently awarded TJ Ciaffone, KDHE's Clandestine Lab Program, with the Partner of the Year Award for his efforts with the Meth Watch Program in what PARS called the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP). The KMPP received a grant by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association to increase the awareness of meth-related crime in the border counties and to do something about it through the Meth Watch Program.



The KMPP created the Border County Initiative in response to the significant meth problem in counties bordering Oklahoma. Kansas law requires pseudoephedrine products, the main ingredient in methamphetamine manufacture, to be removed from the shelves and sold only by licensed pharmacists. Since that time, numerous law enforcement agencies in counties near the Oklahoma border reported a significant increase in Oklahoma residents coming to Kansas to purchase or steal the products. The counties participating in this initiative were Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, Clark, Comanche, Barber, Harper, Sumner,

Sedgwick, Cowley, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, Cherokee, Crawford, and Allen. Grants were available to all of the targeted counties for the implementation of meth prevention efforts. Please see the map for details of those counties visited and those that received grants.

Mr. Ciaffone held town hall meetings in 17 counties from January 10 through March 30. During that time he traveled 8,800 miles crisscrossing the state to discuss the Meth Watch Program with concerned citizens despite the weather. He was given the award because of his dedication to service to the Meth Watch Program and to the KMPP.



ROBERTS IN NEW POSITION

Lesa Roberts has returned to KDHE as an Environmental Epidemiologist, working for both the Division of Environment and the Division of Health. Her focus on environmental topics, such as indoor air quality and water safety, will continue links between the health and environmental divisions of KDHE.



She will be part of a team responsible for providing epidemiologic direction for communicable disease control and environmental epidemiology including public health assessments of environmental, occupational and infectious disease.

Before taking an academic leave from KDHE in July 2004 to pursue a master's degree in public health at the University of Kansas, Lesa spent 16 years at KDHE serving as a public health educator/director in the AIDS/HIV prevention program as well as director of the Office of Health and Environmental Education. She became manager of the Field Services program in the Bureau of Adult and Child Care (now Health Facilities) in 1991 before being named director of

Health Occupations Credentialing in 1994. In 2002, Lesa was appointed director for the Bureau of Consumer Health.

IMMUNIZATION NURSE CONSULTANT FOR SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Betty Grindol, LPN, will be filling the position of Immunization Nurse Consultant, in the South Central District Office, Wichita.

Betty has been with the Kansas Immunization Program since 1997, most recently serving as the Immunization Nurse Consultant for South East Kansas. Betty began working at her new location last month. You may contact her at 316-337-6032 or email at bgrindol@kdhe.state.ks.us.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS RELAXED FOR STUDENTS DISPLACED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

KDHE immunization requirements for school or child-care facilities in Kansas are being temporarily waived for children displaced by hurricane Katrina. Students who will be staying with family members, friends or others in Kansas will be given a 60-day provisional enrollment. KDHE may extend the provisional enrollment period depending on hurricane recovery progress in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. Normally, students moving to Kansas from other states are required to show proof of required immunization before they are allowed to attend school.

For more information please contact Martha Siemsen, RN, ARNP, Kansas Immunization Program Assistant Director at 785-296-2774 or email at msiemsen@kdhe.state.ks.us.



REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department 209 W 2nd, Hutchinson from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 30
Jan. 25, 2006
Mar. 22, 2006
May 24, 2006
July 26, 2006
Sept. 27, 2006
Nov. 21, 2006

North Central Region: The next meeting will be held at the First National Bank, basement meeting room, 1205 18th Street from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. RSVP to Marcia Hansen at Republic County Health

Department for lunch at 785-527-5671. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Oct. 25
Dec. 6
Feb. 28, 2006
Apr. 25, 2006
June 27, 2006
Aug. 22, 2006
Oct. 24, 2006
Dec. 5, 2006

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Dec. 8
Mar. 9, 2006
June 8, 2006
Sept. 14, 2006
Dec. 14, 2006

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. RSVP Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for lunch count at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Oct. 13
Dec. 8
Feb. 9, 2006
Apr. 13, 2006
June 8, 2006
Aug. 10, 2006
Oct. 12, 2006
Dec. 7, 2006

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 10
Feb. 2, 2006
May 11, 2006
Aug. 3, 2006
Nov. 9, 2006

Southwest Region: Meetings are held at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9th, Garden City from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 18
Jan. 20, 2006
Mar. 17, 2006
May 19, 2006
July 14, 2006

Sept. 15, 2006
Nov. 17, 2006

NEWS BRIEFS

Cultural Competency Assessment Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City

by Cathy Anderson



New immigrants and refugees have resettled throughout the state, strengthening the towns and regions of rural Kansas with their innovative spirit. For more than five years, KDHE has sponsored medical interpreting classes offered throughout the state by Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) of Kansas City, MO. The five-day course is held in six rural Kansas communities each year. This year, courses are offered in Dodge City, Pittsburg, Lawrence, Emporia, Wichita and Manhattan. The course, called "Bridging the Gap," provides beginning and intermediate bilingual interpreters with the essential skills needed to interpret in hospitals, clinics, and social service agencies. A detailed schedule and an application can be accessed through the JVS website: www.jvskc.org, or by contacting Brandi Miller of Cathy Anderson at 816-471-2808.

KDHE is also sponsoring courses in cultural competency presented by JVS in the following six Kansas regions, beginning in 2006: Topeka, Garden City, Emporia, Wichita, Holton and Salina. Cultural competency training assists front-line staff in how to effectively communicate with newcomers and assist them in receiving health care and social services. Working collaboratively with social service agencies, health centers, first-responders and others on the front lines, JVS assists organizations in their efforts to raise the standard of care of all newcomer communities.

This year, for the first time, JVS has been funded by the Sunflower Foundation to provide free-of-charge assistance to health organizations that want to expand their reach to non-English speaking communities. JVS offers to collaborate with health care organizations, health departments, and other service providers as they plan to provide services for speakers of other languages. JVS can assist in writing or revising policies for limited-English proficient clients, assessing the need for interpreters, finding skilled translators and interpreters, and other tasks as needed. This project focuses on three regions of the state that have experienced an increase in the Latino/Hispanic

population: Southwest, South Central and East Central. If you are interested in participating, please call Cathy Anderson, Manager of Language and Cultural Services at JVS: 816-471-2808, ext. 1124.

County Health and KDHE PHIX Users



New items have been added to the Kansas Bioterrorism Program Library. The library is designed to serve as a research, training and education resource for local agencies involved with preparedness and response issues.

Items newly available for checkout include:

- **"Responding to the Public: Coping with Psychosocial Aspects of Bioterrorism and Disaster"** (video, 2005, one copy)
- **"How to Lead during Bioattacks with the Public's Trust and Help: A Manual for Mayors, Governors, and Top Health Officials"** (booklet and CD, 2003, one copy)
- **"Health Care at the Crossroads: Strategies for Creating and Sustaining Community-wide Emergency Preparedness Systems"** (booklet, 2003, one copy)
- **"Public Health Preparedness Programs"** (booklet, May 2005, one copy)
- **"It's A Disaster...and what are you gonna do about it?"** (book, 2005 one copy)
- **CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Vol. 54, No. 18** (booklet, May 13, 2005, five copies)

All items that are checked out should be returned to the library within 30 calendar days, unless special arrangements are made in advance. Click on the "Information" link on the PHIX home page and then select "BT Library" to access more information about the Bioterrorism Program Library. Please contact Mike Heideman at 785-296-4363 or mheidema@kdhe.state.ks.us to checkout an item or if you have questions about the library.



EHDI Publications Database



Would you like to stay informed of the latest publications related to hearing loss and EHDI?

We can show you how!

By using the **EHDI Pubs Search** you can view new articles on a variety of topics related to hearing loss, including family satisfaction, cochlear implants, hearing programs in other countries, and more at <http://www2.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/pubs/>



All documents in the EHDI Pubs Search were published in 2004 or 2005. Publications are not evaluated for scientific merit, but are included

based on relevance to hearing loss and EHDI.

Tell others about this new resource! You are encouraged to provide feedback on the EHDI Publications Search. Please send any comments to Jamie Elliott at jei2@cdc.gov.

The CDC EHDI website, the EHDI Pubs Search allows you to:

- Sort recent published articles by Author, Keyword, Year, or Word in Title
- View a list of publications added to the database within the past 30 days
- Access abstracts and sometimes full text articles immediately through links to PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

Using the **EHDI Pubs Search** saves you time! The articles are included based on their relevance to hearing loss and EHDI. Instead of creating search queries and spending hours sifting through results on various search engines, you can check out relevant, recent articles here. The publications generally are retrieved through a National Institute of Health search tool called Porpoise. New publications related to hearing loss and EHDI are added to the EHDI Pubs Search database, and links to abstracts in Pub Med are added.



Kids Eat Safely through Summer Program

by Pamela S. Barnum M.Ed.

Bureau of Consumer Health

Food Protection & Consumer Safety

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to children between the ages of 1 and 18, KDHE's, Bureau of Consumer Health (BCH), Food Protection & Consumer Safety ensures that the children are protected through the safe handling and preparation of foods. BCH through a partnership agreement with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) perform food safety and environmental sanitation inspections. To ensure the safety of more than 500,000 breakfasts, lunches, suppers and snacks in 2004 and approaching 500,000 breakfasts, lunches, suppers and snacks so far for 2005.

SFSP was created in 1968 as part of a pilot project, becoming a separate child nutrition program in 1975. The nationwide program served nearly 2.3 million children at an estimated 29,000 sites in the summer of 1998.



"It was a really good experience for the whole community." These are sentiments expressed by Jeanette Myers, the Food Service Director for USD 435, Abilene, in describing the SFSP. Jeanette says the program fulfilled a very important need in the community and generated a lot of excitement and participation by the parents. The Abilene site served an average of 130 meals each day of their program.

This was the first year of participation for the Arkansas City Recreation Commission according to Director Sherry Coldwell. She stated, "The SFSP is a good program. It helped fund the program for the kids and made it easier for the parents." They had three, two-week sessions and the kids could attend a single session or all three. The sessions were entitled "Back to the Basics Fun." Kids learned how to make homemade ice cream and squeeze lemons for making lemonade, 'Games Galore', and 'What a Wonderful World.' The kids played games, learned skills and explored the world during the mornings and then went to the swimming pool across the street in the afternoons. Sherry said, "You can tell which kids participated in the program by their suntans."



There were about 20 children from the Cowley County Mental Health Center that came to the Recreation Commission for lunch each day, so the program benefited many in the community. Both hot and cold meals were served. A sample of some menu items included turkey and cheese sandwiches, ham and cheese sandwiches, hot ham wraps, blueberry muffins, peanut butter cookies, seasonal fruits and vegetables, and milk. "Everything was nutritious and cooked properly."

Food inspectors ensure food safety and sanitation to prevent foodborne illness. Just a few statistics bring home the importance of food safety:

Foodborne illness (FBI) statistics:

- 76 million cases of FBI a year in the U.S.
- 325,000 hospitalizations a year in the U.S. caused by FBI
- 5,200 deaths a year in the U.S. caused by FBI
- \$7.7 - \$23 billion annual cost
- \$77,000 average cost per incident

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program, regulate the program at the federal level. At the state level, KSDE establishes cooperative agreements with sponsors who establish SFSP sites. Sites typically are schools, community centers, churches and/or city parks programs.

CONFERENCES/TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Training



KDHE, Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fifth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its third year for cultural competency training. KDHE will sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions in 2006. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule 2005-06

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in



medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

SE Kansas – Pittsburg

Oct. 17 - 21 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Family Resource Center
1700 N Locust, Room 209
Pittsburg, KS

NE Kansas - Lawrence

Nov. 7 - 8, 14 - 16 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
325 Maine (Auditorium on Nov. 7 - 8; Room "A" on Nov. 14-15; and Room "D" on Nov. 16)
Lawrence, KS

Central Kansas - Emporia

Feb. 27- Mar. 3, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Newman Regional Health
Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitor's Entrance
1201 West 12th
Emporia, KS

SC Kansas - Wichita

Mar. 13-17, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas
Meadowlark Room 1305
Wichita, KS

NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 - 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Riley County Health Department
2030 Tecumseh Road
Manhattan, KS

For more information or to register contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2005-06

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants

do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

NE Kansas - Topeka

Feb. 8 - 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kansas Department of Health & Environment
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson, Conference Room 530, 5th Floor
Topeka, KS

SW Kansas – Garden City

Apr. 5 - 6, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Area SRS Building
1710 Palace Drive
Garden City, KS

Central Kansas - Emporia

April 12 - 13, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Newman Regional Health
Continuing Education, Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitors Entrance
1201 West 12th
Emporia, KS

SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 - 11, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room 2202
Wichita, KS

NE Kansas – Holton

May 24 - 25, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Head Start Building – Annie Laurie Johnson Child &
Family Development Center
130 S. Iowa
Holton, KS
(Parking at First Baptist Church
404 Juniper Street)

NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 -14, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Board Room
Salina, KS

For more information or to register please
contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore,
Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext.
124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group, next meeting is Nov. 3 at the
Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson,
Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9

a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita
Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:

Feb. 2
May 11
Aug 3
Nov. 2

Billing Biddies, meet from 9 a.m. – noon at the
Lincoln County Emergency Services Building, on the
corner of Hwy 14 and Lincoln Ave. For more
information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-
9639. Upcoming dates:

Mar. 1
June 7
Aug. 6
Dec. 6

Billers Anonymous will meet November 8 from 9
a.m. – 3 p.m., in Norton at the Norton County
Health Department, 801 N. Norton Ave. For more
information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-
9639. Upcoming dates:

Feb. 8
May 10
Aug. 9
Nov. 8

Mission Impossible Group will meet November
17 from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health
Department, Hutchinson. For more information
contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.
Upcoming dates:

Feb. 23
May 25
Aug. 24
Nov. 16

KUG, from 9 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta.
For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at
785-827-9639.

Billers-R-Us will meet at the district office in
Chanute, in the Meadowlark Room, from 9 until
noon. For more information call Jon Anderson at
920-431-2390.

Oct. 11
Jan. 10
Apr. 11
July 11,
Oct. 10



**5th Annual Defining Hope Conference
Putting the Person before the Process,
Validation Therapy and the Person Centered
Care.**



In partnership with the Kansas Health Care Association and the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging the Alzheimer's Association Heart of America Chapter is hosting their 5th Annual Defining Hope Conference. The conference will be held on Tuesday,

November 1 at the Topeka Zoological Park, Administration Building, Conference Room from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration, which includes lunch, is \$40 or to receive 5.5 CEUs add an extra \$10. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., developer of Validation Therapy. Ms. Feil received her master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University. In response to her dissatisfaction with traditional methods of communication with individuals with dementia, she developed the Validation Method of communication. She has authored two books, 11 award-winning film scripts, and conducts workshops worldwide. Her validation books and videos have been translated into 10 languages.

Validation is a tested model of practice developed by Naomi Feil, M.S.W. It accepts the person who returns to the past. Often his/her retreat is not mental illness or disease, it is survival. When a person has dementia they can survive through hindsight. When eye's fail they see with their mind's eye. When hearing fails, they hear sounds from the past. They see scenes from their childhood. They restore the past to relive good times and resolve the bad in this final struggle to find peace.

Feil says Validation Therapy helps us can begin to understand the underlying life themes that are being expressed. By careful listening, eye contact and touch, pacing body rhythms, the trained person can build a sense of mutual respect and trust with the person with dementia. Most important feelings and memories can be understood and interpreted.

For more information or to request a brochure contact 785-234-2523 or email

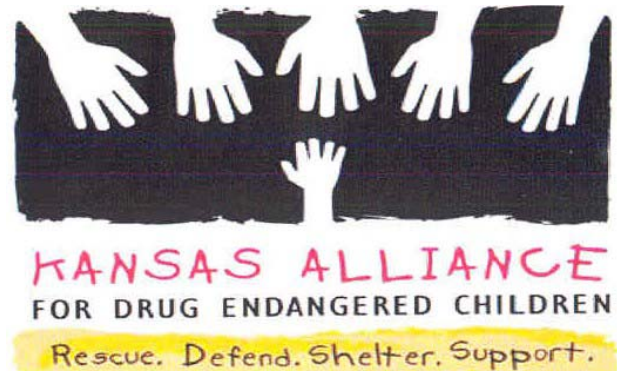
karen.johnson@alz.org

ABCs of Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Associations, Heart of America Chapter is provided a family workshop in Salina. The ABCs of Alzheimer's Disease, a training workshop for caregivers, family members and friends of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias will be presented in Salina at the Saline County Commission on Aging in October.

- Session 1 on Oct. 3 from 5:30-8 p.m. will include information on disease overview and caring for the person with the disease.
- Session 2 on Oct. 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. will be a presentation on community resources and also a discussion on impact on the family
- Session 3 on Oct. 17 from 5:30-8 p.m. will be a legal seminar presented by a lawyer. The workshop is free but pre-registration is requested by calling 800-272-3900 or email cindy.miller@alz.org.

Prevention and Recovery Services



Prevention and Recovery Services is committed to helping make our community a place where people of all ages are safe, connected with others, and supported by a network of concerned citizens who share the responsibility for nurturing, educating and creating an environment for all people to be free from the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Upcoming events:

2005 Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children State Conference

Date: Oct. 13 - 14

Endangered Children State Conference

Fee: \$30; \$50 for Nursing CEUs

Certificate of Attendance for up to 13.5 hours

Place: Holiday Inn Convention Center, 3603 Vine Street, Hays

Sponsor: Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Partner Agencies

Crank It Up! Community Methamphetamine Prevention Training

Date: Nov. 16 - 17

Fee: \$25

Certificate of Attendance for 11.5 hours

Place: The Capper Foundation, 3500 SW 10th,
Topeka

Sponsor: PARS

The following are upcoming trainings offered by PARS. For more information, please visit Website <http://www.parstopeka.com>. Questions contact Lisa Narron of PARS at 785-266-8666. Pre-registration is required for all trainings.

2nd Annual Healthy Indoor Environment Conference

The 2nd Annual Healthy Indoor Environment Conference scheduled for Oct 13 - 14, Jack Reardon Center, Kansas City, KS. Registration and review of conference information can be completed through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. Click on the title, "Healthy Indoor Environments Conference 2005." For more information contact Kevin Kennedy at 816-235-5366 or hiec2005@yahoo.com.

Regional Immunization Workshops

Oct. 5 - Scott City

Oct. 6 - Hays

Oct. 12 - Parsons

Nov. 2 - Topeka

Nov. 10 - Concordia

Nov. 15 - Wichita

For details call KU AHEC East 620-235-4040



GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing at lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>

KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-625-5663 for assistance.

October Downlinks/Web casts

October 2005

10/27/05

12 noon -
1:30 pm

**Mass Antibiotic Dispensing:
Using Public Information to Enhance
POD Flow**

View [Save the Date](#) information.

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at

<http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhompage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program-
<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr.
 Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:
<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of
 distance learning course listings
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>
CDC BT Training –
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness
 Center:** <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

**Heartland Center for Public Health
 Preparedness:**
http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development
 Centers:**
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness
 Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

**Competencies Feedback Project by the
 Council on Linkages Between Academia and
 Public Health Practice:**
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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